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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

For

This is a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. □ Previously submitted
 - i. □ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R.

ii. □ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii.	Other	

- b. Mark Enclosed
 - i. ⊠ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ⋈ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. □ Other.

Miscellaneous

□ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) months. (Period of suspension for a period of shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

☑ Other. Petition For Extension Of Time.

3. Fees

- ☑ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600:
 - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) (\$770.00)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - Suspension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) iii. □ (\$130.00)

☑ Any deficiency of fee due or any other required fee due in connection with this Request For Continued Examination or in connection with the continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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